

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill No.: HB 355
Subject: Children and Minors; Family Law; Public Records, Public Meetings
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Date: February 6, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
General Revenue	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$30,146
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$30,146

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Department of Health (DOH) officials state they respond to approximately 30 pieces of correspondence daily regarding access to adoption records. DOH states this is in addition to their daily routine. At this point, the flow of work is handled by 6 FTEs, one being the unit supervisor. Once the public is made aware a court order is no longer necessary, more requests are anticipated. An additional FTE (Clerk Typist II) would be needed to accommodate the increase in requests by the third year. Expenses would be for salary and fringe benefits for one FTE, PC, system furniture, file cabinet, chair, office supplies, data processing, office and communication expense, envelopes, and postage. Cost of envelopes determined by 15 boxes (500 per box) times 22.50. Postage is determined by amount of requests x amount of postage @ .34 per envelope. DOH states the Clerk Typist duties would include: according to established procedures, process adoptions, corrections by affidavit, documents and paternity affidavits. Process court orders (prepare certificates as specified) from Child Support Enforcement and paternity orders; file delayed birth records (age 12 & up); file adoption and paternity affidavit records; mail birth certificate copies with forms and instructions on how birth certificate can be amended; information would be provided by mail, phone and in person to public, medical profession, funeral directors, circuit clerks, judges, attorneys and legislators; files would be searched for requested documents, update birth certificate information in the computer after original is amended, update computer errors, prepare and provide update to local registrars for issuance of new certificates, prepare and issue certified copies of new record as requested and be knowledgeable of appropriate forms to be issued, of Missouri statutes, and DOH rules and regulations regarding vital records.

DOH states there would be an increase in revenue because of birth certificate fees at \$10 per copy. DOH states the increase is determined by approximately 30 requests per day times 21 days in a month times 12 months (30 x 21 x 12 months {first year} x \$10 per copy = \$63,000).

Oversight assumes the Clerk Typist would be absorbed in existing space.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Income - Department of Health

Increased birth certificate fees	\$63,000	\$75,600	\$75,600
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Costs - Department of Health

Personal services (1 FTE)	\$0	\$0	(\$22,046)
Fringe benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$7,348)
Expense and equipment	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$16,060)</u>
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$45,454)</u>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$75,600</u>	<u>\$30,146</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would allow an adopted person born in Missouri who is 18 years of age or older to receive a certified copy of his or her original unaltered birth certificate from the state registrar upon written application.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
Office of State Courts Administrator

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Director

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